



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety

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MEDIA RELEASE



Nature: Wanted person/bomb threat

Incident #: 2015-28368

Location: G/Grant Streets, Grants Pass, Oregon

Date/Time: 07/22/2015 1423 hours

Completed by: Cpl. Mike Schmidt **Approved:** Lt. Dennis Ward

ARRESTEE:

Mitchell, Christian Ryan DOB-10-13-90

Transient

(Lodged in Josephine County Jail)

CHARGE:

Oregon State Parole Board warrant- No bail

DETAILS:

On the above date and time, the Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety received an anonymous tip that Christian Mitchell was walking in the area of 'G' Street near Grant Street. It was learned that he had an active felony warrant for his arrest. When confronted by officers, Mitchell insinuated he had a bomb on his person in a fanny pack, and that he was going to detonate it. After brief negotiations, Mitchell was taken into custody and the fanny pack was dropped in some landscaping. The pack appeared to have electronics equipment taped together with wires and what appeared to be a battery pack.

The Oregon State Police Bomb Squad was requested and responded to the scene. Traffic was diverted in a two block area, and residents in the area were advised of the incident. Oregon State Police Troopers picked up the pack with a robot and it was placed in a trailer designed to handle explosives. They transported the device to an unpopulated area outside of the City Limits and disposed of the items.

Further charges are pending against Mr. Mitchell.